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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Toshiaki HASHIZUME et al.

Group Art Unit: 2858

Application No.: 09/214,519

Examiner: Etienne LeRoux

Filed: January 7, 1999

Docket No.: 101850

For: OPTICAL MODULATION ELEMENT AND PROJECTION DISPLAY DEVICE

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed January 26, 2001, reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-19 are pending. Reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

The Office Action includes numerous rejections based on prior art, including a rejection of claims 14-16 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by "Fujimori". However, no such reference has been previously cited during prosecution of this application. Further, a copy of "Fujimori" has not been provided to Applicants. A reference "Fujimori et al.", U.S. Patent No. 5,868,485 has been previously applied by the Examiner in this application. However, the text in the Office Action of the rejection of claims 14-16 based on "Fujimori" is not consistent with the '485 patent. Thus, Applicants assume that it was the Examiner's intention to reject claims 14-16 based on another reference which has heretofore not been provided to Applicants.

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Applicants' representative discussed this matter with Examiner LeRoux in an April 26 telephone interview. During the telephone interview, Examiner LeRoux agreed to issue a new non-final Action based on this discrepancy.

Respectfully submitted,



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